

PATENT APPLICATION DECLARATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if one name is listed below) or one of the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter (if plural names are listed below) which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Method & Apparatus for Preventing Cracking at the*, the specification of which ☒ is filed herewith OR ☐ was filed on _____ and has been assigned Serial No. _____.

*Shank Junction of Die Blocks

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the Claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of the Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed in PART B on page two hereof, and have also identified inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), listed in PART C on page two hereof and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the Claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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<u>n/a</u>	_____	_____	Priority Claimed
(Serial No.)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes () No ()
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PART C: CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF FILING DATE OF EARLIER U.S. APPLICATION:

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Filing Date 09/25/98

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREVENTING CRACKING OF THE
SHANK JUNCTION OF DIE BLOCKS

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☐ is attached hereto

OR

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I hereby declare that the subject matter of the application as filed ☐ and the ☐ amendment filed on 11/06/00 was part of my or our invention and was invented before the filing date of the original application, above identified for such invention.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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